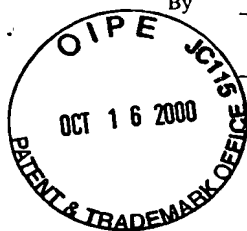


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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on April 14, 2000, and having an original period for response of 3 months, which expired on July 14, 2000, be extended by 3 month(s), such that it expires on October 14, 2000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$890.00 as provided for under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

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